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1. APPARENT PRESENT OF LIBYAN TROOPS IN NORTHERN
BORDER STRIP OF CHAD AS REFLECTED FURTHER IN MAP IN
SEPTEMBER 12 ISSUE OF LE MONDE DO NOT REPEAT NOT APPEAR
TO COME AS SUPRISE TO FRENCH EMBASSY HERE.
ACCORDING TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR GASCHIGNARD, THIS STRIP
OF TERRITORY WAS CEDED IN THIRTIES BY LAVAL GOVERNMENT
OF FRANCE TO MUSSOLINE IN EXCHANGE FOR STRIP OF LAND
ON LIBYAN/TUNISIAN BORDER WHICH ITALY CEDED TO FRANCE
(TUNISIA). AFTER WW II, FRANCE DENOUNCED THIS
DEAL BUT LIBYANS HAVE INSISTED ON ITS VALIDITY AND HAVE
CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED BORDER STRIPHUS PORT OF LIBYA.

2. IN THISCONNECTION, GASCHIGNARD TELLS US THAT
HE SAW PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS
MORNING SEPTEMBER 20 TO BRIEF KOUNTCHE ON
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FRENCH EFFORTS TO LIBERATE MADAME CLAUSTRE.

GASCHIGNARD INFORMED ME WITH SOME INTEREST THAT
DURING CONVERSATION, KOUNTCHE REFERRED TO US
INITIATIVE IN MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR AND SUGGESTED
FRENCH DO THE SAME TO FREE MADAME CLAUSTRE. HECK

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